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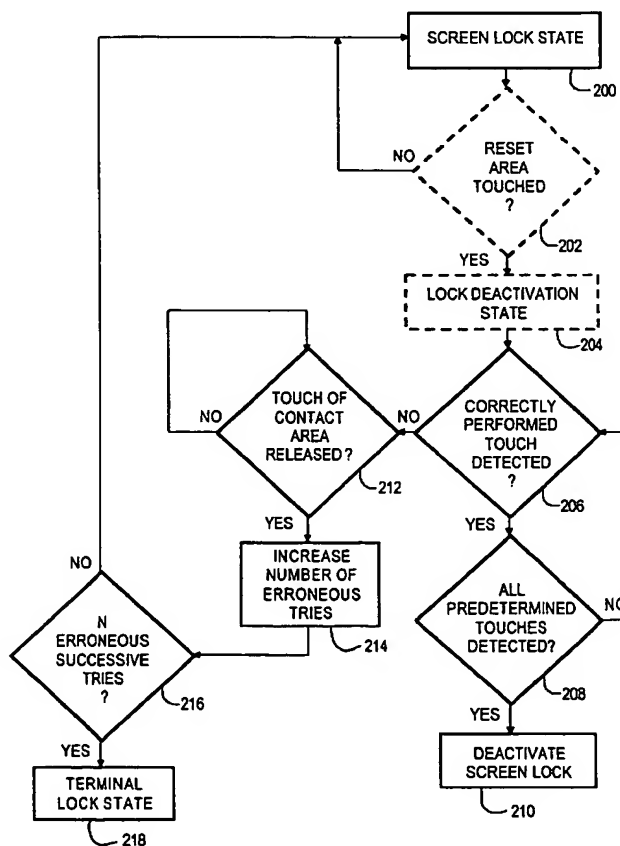
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(54) Title: **METHOD OF DEACTIVATING LOCK, AND PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE**



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method of deactivating the touch screen lock in a portable electronic device comprising a touch screen and means for locking the touch screen. The method comprises detecting (208) touches on predetermined contact areas on the touch screen in a given order during touch screen lock and deactivating (210) the touch screen lock once said touches on said predetermined contact areas are detected. The invention also relates to a portable electronic device comprising a touch screen (106) and means (100, 106, 112) for locking the touch screen. The device comprises means (100, 106) for detecting touches on predetermined contact areas on the touch screen in a given order during touch screen lock and deactivating the touch screen lock once said touches on said predetermined contact areas are detected.

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